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in the news

WEATHER

Today will be variably cloudy with the high in the mid to upper 70's with a 20 percent chance of rain. Tonight will be cool with a high in the mid 60's and a 30 percent chance of rain. Tomorrow will be sunny with highs 85 to 90 and no rain.

INSIDE

Among the business of R/O Week, Harbor provides an oasis of quiet for harried freshmen.

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The first of a two-part series goes through MIT's long and most illustrious history of hacking.

EXCERPTS

There is the nagging problem of finding money to keep the corporation alive. The search is constant. To satisfy its appetite for cash, A.T.&T. raises in the capital markets an uncanny \$1 billion every 90 days. Between 1964, it raked in enough money in these markets to buy up the total gold reserves of the United States, Britain, and several other European nations.

Other things:

The Bell System owns a grand total of 24,000 buildings (and rents space in another 1,000). No company owns more. They range from glassy modern to brick elderly, from tiny microwave stations of 500 square feet to a new Southern Bell headquarters in Atlanta that is 1.9 million square feet in size.

The Bell System spends more on construction than any other company (\$12.5 billion in 1978), a chunk of the money going for 100 or so new buildings each year in the ever-expanding the network.

The ubiquitous phone has become a device now that, like the automobile, is indispensable to and symbolic of the American way of life. The United States has become the gabbiest nation on earth. Something like 500 million calls are made a day, an average of four conversations per phone. In many homes, the center of family life is not the hearth, the dinner table or the TV. It is the telephone.

— N. R. Kleinfield
The New York Times

Freshmen are assigned to dorms

By Jordana Hollander

As the room assignment process began yesterday for the class of '82, 86 percent had found permanent housing by either pledging at a fraternity or by being assigned to one of the dormitories.

By noon yesterday 275 men and 11 women in the freshman class had pledged fraternities. This figure is by no means final because the frats will have their bids accepted by freshmen who have been waiting to see what sort of dorm assignment they receive.

This year's dorm assignments have resulted in a more even distribution among the dorms than in the past several years. Baker was the only dormitory that was very heavily oversubscribed on first choice applications, although several other dorms were slightly oversubscribed.

Both the men and women's first choice applications exceeded the number of available spaces at Baker. There were 32 openings for the 40 women who applied to Baker, while 113 men applied for 43 spaces. This 60 percent oversubscription was by far the highest on campus.

In contrast to the past few years, MacGregor and Burton were only barely oversubscribed. 117 men applied for the 105 openings available in MacGregor, which has usually been up to 100

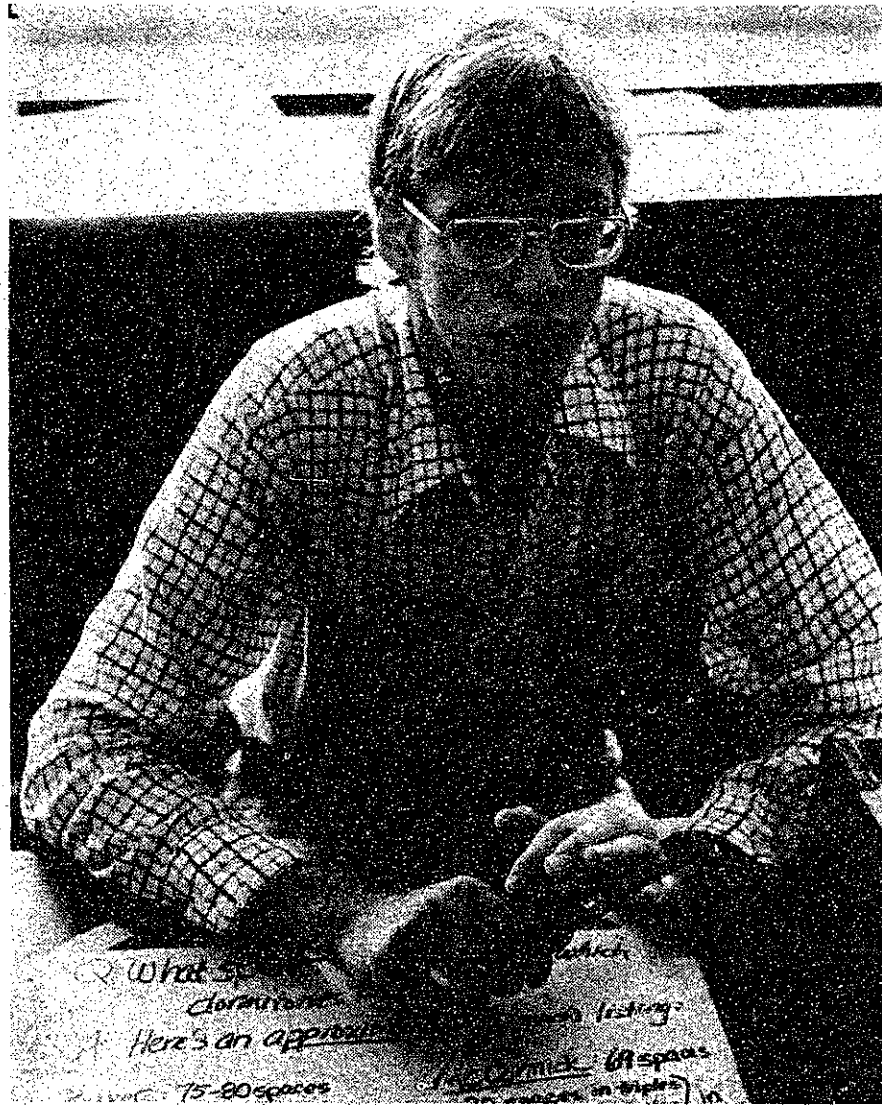
percent oversubscribed. Burton had 104 spaces available and received 116 applications from freshmen. This resulted in 13 men unable to have their first choice filled and one opening for a woman which was filled by a student who had Burton as her third choice.

Senior House and East Campus were slightly oversubscribed, unlike last year when both dorms received only two thirds of the freshmen they wanted in the first round. Despite this years successful rush, both dorms did not have enough women applicants to fill all the available spaces until the lottery reached the fourth round. At East Campus 129 men applied for 91 spaces, while Senior House had 40 men applying for 31 openings.

More women wanted to live in a single sex dormitory than were able to as 85 freshmen applied for 70 openings in McCormick Hall. In past years McCormick has been almost evenly subscribed, so that this represents a substantial oversubscription.

The two newest dorms on campus have been almost evenly subscribed. New House had only two more first choice applications

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As freshmen filled out the dorm preference cards, R/O workers tried to help them by providing information about the assignment process and the available openings in various dorms. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

Frosh await assignments

By Gordon Haff

By Monday, the emphasis of R/O Week had switched from the fraternities to the dormitories. A few houses were still looking for pledges but the big parties were over.

Many freshmen were once again looking at the dormitories. Some were dropping by for the first time, possibly realizing that they might not be bid by a fraternity which they liked or even that they just didn't like the idea of fraternity life. Others were looking around the dormitories for the second or third time, trying to get to know the place better.

In spite of efforts made this year to simplify the dorm assignment process, many freshmen remained confused by the whole procedure. Some tried to get upperclassmen to help them decide whether or not to take an overcrowded room voluntarily, or to give them suggestions on what dorms to make their second and third choices.

With their decision finally made, the freshmen could do nothing more until the dorm assignments were given out on Tuesday morning. Meanwhile, the upperclassmen prepared for the incoming students.

In my dorm, Burton, skits and strategies were prepared for the next day when the freshmen would move into their permanent assignments. A few small get-togethers were held for those freshmen who were temporarily assigned to the dorm.

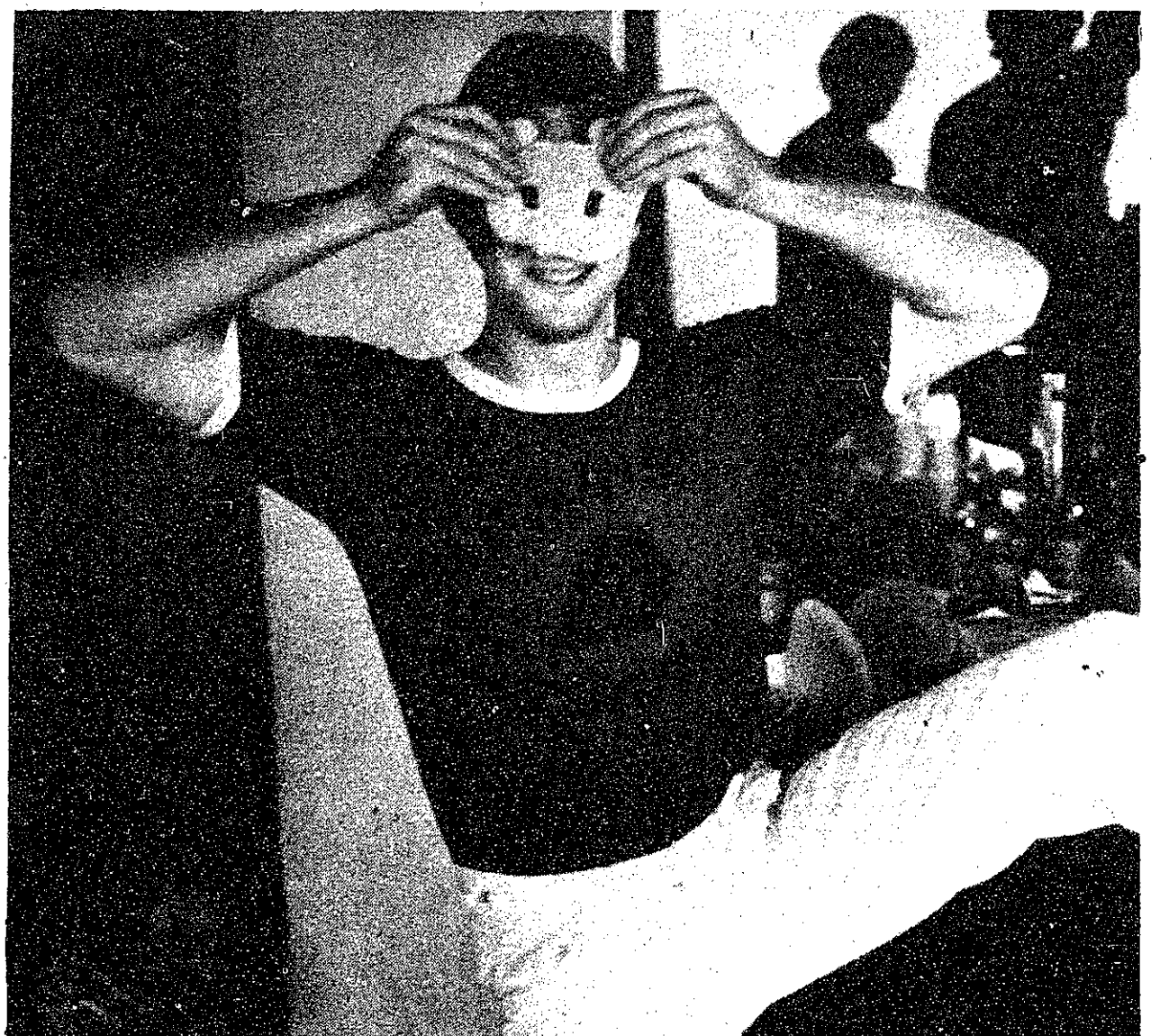
The dormitory assignments were to be distributed at 11am Tuesday but by about 10:30 the freshmen started gathering

around the R/O Center and the Sala. As 11 o'clock approached, the lengthening line began to wind up the main stairwell of the Student Center. One R/O Worker was yelling "Look at Kresge. Count the bricks. Just go away until twelve."

Shortly after 11, the R/O workers at last started to hand out the permanent assignments.

Yells of joy mingled with muttered curses as the freshmen got their first choices or were put into Limbo. Most of the freshmen, content with their assignments, were glad that the process was over. A few, however, realized that it was just the first part of a long day. Still to come were advisor meetings, floor or entry assignments in their new dorms, and finally room assignments.

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While awaiting the permanent freshmen residents, upperclassmen indulged in a little strange behavior to get across the true flavor of their dorms. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

New overcrowding patterns

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than it had room for. Random Hall, which opened only last year, had 17 applications for 24 spaces. The remaining openings were filled by freshmen who had Random as a lesser choice.

Of the language houses, Russian House was almost evenly subscribed with two women and four men. Both German and French Houses were about 100 percent oversubscribed. At French House 6 women and 7 men applied for 6 spaces and 4

women and 2 men were accepted. For 5 spaces in German House there were 6 applications from freshmen and 4 from women. All the freshmen were assigned there but only one of the men was.

The only dormitory on campus that has many openings left after the first round of assignments is Bexley with only 17 freshmen placed in 45 openings in that dorm.

At the end of last night's round of assignments about 150 freshmen were not assigned to

any living group. These are said to be in "limbo," but most of them will be assigned over the next couple of days. The additional spaces will be appearing as freshmen continue pledging fraternities and the number of upperclassmen moving out of the dorms becomes more certain. If this does not open enough spaces, some of the dormitories, particularly Burton, East Campus, and MacGregor, can be crowded further. By this Friday all freshmen will have a permanent housing assignment.

Harbor provides refuge for freshmen

By Michael Taviss

Among the hustle and bustle of rushing, dorm assignments, and R/O week in general, a freshman can often feel lost and bewildered. Therefore, the R/O Committee is running a refuge called Harbor where students can stop by and escape for a little while.

Harbor (known last year as Unrush) is located in Private Dining Room #2 on the third floor of the Student Center. The room has several chairs, and there are always a couple of upperclassmen around and willing to talk. It is also, as Harbor volunteer Steve

Lazar '81 called it, "A place that people can come to and sit down and not talk." And not feel embarrassed about not talking, he added.

Lazar and Dan Halbert '81 are two of the volunteers working in Harbor. The volunteers, who work shifts in pairs, are usually R/O workers, but other upperclassmen often wander in to say hello or to take a break from whatever it is they're doing.

Halbert remarked that Harbor is a place where freshmen won't feel rushed, "a place where people can find themselves."

Harbor has only had about 40 freshmen visitors so far, but this may be a good sign. Many of the people who come to Harbor "are feeling unhappy about Rush, or uncomfortable," according to Lazar. The scarcity of visits seems to indicate that most freshmen are taking R/O week and rushing in stride. On the other hand, Halbert commented, "Maybe they're feeling miserable, not knowing where to turn."

Freshmen who feel miserable, or who just want to escape the rush of R/O Week are welcome at Harbor. Its hours are listed in *The Daily Confusion*.

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- 1) Are you interested in any of the following?
 - a) movies?
 - b) plays?
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 - d) records?
 - e) concerts?
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- 2) Would you like to keep abreast of the latest happenings in any of the above?
 - ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3) Do you like to write?
 - ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 4) Would you like to see your writing printed in a widely circulated newspaper?
 - ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered yes to the above questions, you have passed this test. You may collect your prize, a position on the Arts Staff of The Tech, in Room 483 of the Student Center.

news roundup

World

Civilian Rhodesians massacred — The Rhodesian government announced yesterday that black nationalist guerillas has slaughtered 10 of 18 survivors of an Air Rhodesia plane crash Sunday night. The guerillas' spokesmen stated that the plane was shot down since they believed it to be carrying troops and military equipment.

Nation

Carter speaks on peace talks — President Carter expressed grave doubts of the eventual success of the scheduled talks at Camp David in an address to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. In addition he stated that failure of the talks might have "very severe" political consequences.

Sports

Red Sox lose — The Baltimore Orioles defeated the Red Sox 5-3 yesterday. This loss lowers the Red Sox's lead to only five games.

—Jordana Hollander

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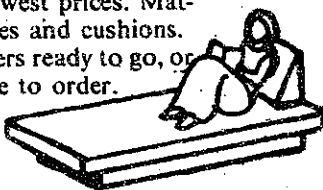
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MIT's history of hacking

By Michael Taviss

(Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part article on hacks. The second part will appear tomorrow.)

"Hack — n. A trick or prank. For example, welding a street car onto the tracks or getting elected UAP are fine hacks."

So says this year's copy of *HoToGAMIT*. Of course, these are only two of a wide myriad of hacks that have been perpetrated throughout MIT's existence. It might be said that hacking is an integral part of life at MIT. At least, that's what freshmen of the class of '81 were told last year at their Freshman Picnic when several upperclassmen strung up a banner on the great dome overlooking Killian Court reading "Welcome to Hahvahd — Hackito Ergo Sum."

While the great dome is generally inaccessible, the small dome has been the butt of many hacks in past years. One popular recurring prank, so popular that it might not even be a hack anymore, is simply taking people up to the dome. This is done each year by knowing upperclassmen who take willing freshmen up for a tour. The campus police have stated many times over the past several years, however, that they disapprove of this practice.

Not so typical are the hacks that try to do something to the dome for the entire campus to see. Several banners have spouted their messages to the world over the years. Favorites, though, are the hacks which make use of the dome for some greater purpose than as a glorified billboard. These are usually original and well-planned. An example is the painting of a face on the dome. This has since made the Freshman Picture Book each year under the name George Dome.

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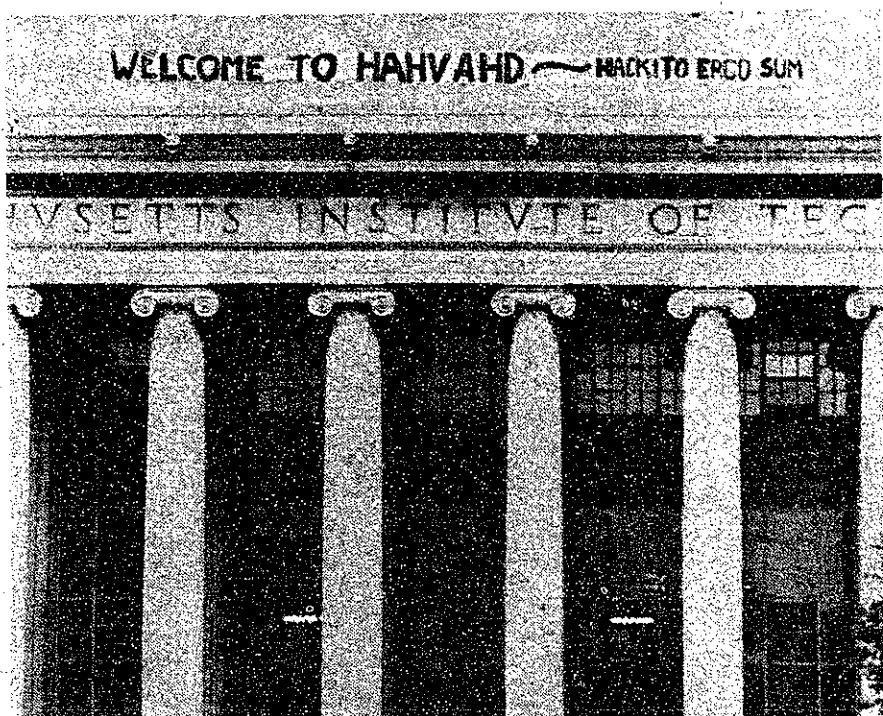
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A preferred time for dome hacks is Hallowe'en, of course. One year, a large jack-o-lantern was placed on the dome. Last year's contribution was the

building and installing of a giant papier maché screw so that it appeared to be sticking out of the dome.

(To be continued)



A banner put up during President Wiesner's speech at last year's Freshman Picnic summed up the spirit hacking. (Photo by Gordon Haff)



One of the more recent hacks at MIT occurred Sunday night as a group of freshmen, bored with the toga party they were attending, stationed themselves outside the main building to salute passersby with cries of "Ave". (Photo by Dale Senechal)

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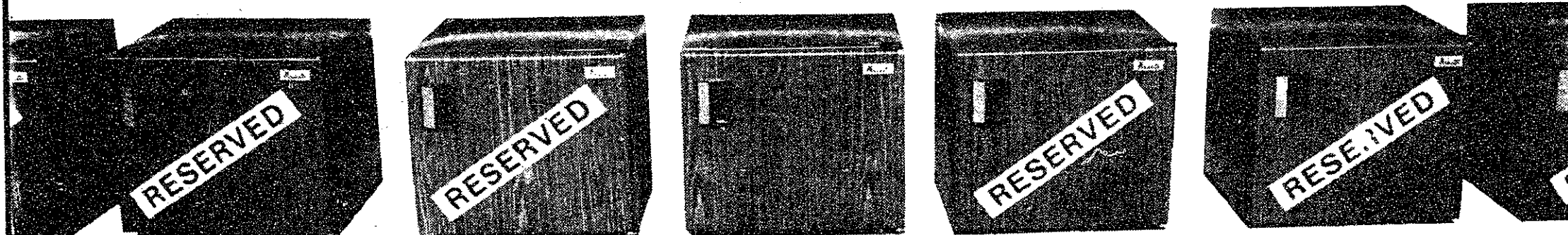
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WEDNESDAY

All day meetings with freshman advisors.
All day International Student Open House in the Bush Room (10-105).

8am MIT Hillel Daily minyan (Jewish) in 7-102 Wed., Thurs., Fri., and weekdays throughout the term.

9am Prayer time in the Christian Activities Center, 7-106.

9-11am Women's Varsity Field Hockey practice, Briggs Field. Contact Connie West, x5-7333.

9am-5pm Freshmen MUST have an ID picture taken in the R/O center if they haven't already done so.

9am-9pm R/O Center open

9:45am-3:30pm TCA Red Cross Blood Drive in the Student Center room 491.

10am Academic Orientation in Kresge. For a list of areas covered, please see the Information section of today's *Daily Confusion*.

10am-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, in the Student Center on the 3rd floor.

10am-noon Transfer Students' meeting on academic procedures, registration, and student activities in the Mezzanine Lounge in the Student Center.

12:15-1:15pm Transfer Student's Luncheon in the Sala de Puerto Rico, Student Center 2nd floor.

1pm ESG One shot seminar, "Geometric Art", room 24-612.

1:30pm Computer Orientation in Kresge Auditorium.

2pm More permanent dormitory assignments available in the R/O Center.

2-4pm Academic Midway in duPont Gymnasium.

3-5pm Women's Varsity Field Hockey practice, Briggs Field. Contact Connie West, x5-7333.

4pm Freshman Quiz in 26-100. Make-up Thursday at 4pm in 26-100. Administered by the Freshman Rules Committee.

4-6pm Women's Student/Faculty Ice Cream Orgy in the Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center.

5pm Vespers in the Christian Activities Center, 7-106.

5:05pm Lutheran Episcopal Ministry service in the MIT Chapel, followed by supper at 6:30 in the basement of 312 Memorial Drive (MIT Chaplaincy).

6pm Lutheran Episcopal Ministry Reception. Come meet us in the West Lounge of the Student Center on the 2nd floor.

6pm ESG Dinner for freshmen at room 24-612.

7-9:30 Hillel Ice Cream Party in the Mezzanine Lounge, 3rd floor, Student Center.

7:30pm Bible Study, Tang Hall, contact Ron Errico in 12F at 494-9248.

8pm Women's Evening Forum in the Cheney Room (3-310).

8pm ESG Ice Cream Tour: Find out where to eat ice cream in Boston, and join an excursion to one of the best. Meet in 24-612.



THURSDAY

All day: Advisor meetings.

All day: International Student Open House in the Bush room, 10-105.

9am-4pm Freshman Registration material DUE in the R/O Center.

9am-9pm R/O Center open.

9am-12noon Entrance Exam for 18.01B, and Advanced Standing Exams for 18.01 and 18.02 for those with conflicts on Tuesday, in room 2-102.

9am-3pm Army ROTC Open House in 20E-126.

9:45am-3:30pm TCA-Red Cross Blood Drive in Student Center room 491.

11am Subway Tour leaves from TCA office.

1pm Tour of Boston for women leaves from Student Center. Approximately three hours.

2pm Still more permanent dormitory assignments in the R/O Center.

2pm-4pm Physics Department Open House for freshmen in 4-339.

3-5pm Women's Athletics Tea in the Cheney Room (3-310). Relax and have a bite to eat. Learn about and meet people from the various sports offered for women at MIT.

3:30pm Trip to Top of Hancock leaves from TCA Office.

6pm-midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, Student Center third floor.

7-9:30pm Athletic Midway in Rockwell Cage.

7-10pm Activities Midway in duPont Gymnasium. 8pm and 9:30pm The Shakespeare Ensemble presents scenes from Shakespeare, Ibsen, Williams, and Pinter. MIT Chapel. Discussion afterwards. Info: x3-2903.

EATING

Lobdell will be open Tuesday through Friday: breakfast from 7:30-10:30am, lunch from 11am-2pm, and supper from 5-7pm.

Twenty Chimneys: Tuesday through Friday: Salad bar from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Pritchett Lounge (2nd floor Walker) will be open Tuesday through Friday from 5pm to midnight.

ODDS AND ENDS

In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

Other phone numbers: R/O Center: x3-4551, x3-4552 (2-3-4551, 2-3-4552 from dormline), (617)-253-4551, (617)-253-4552 from outside), Office of Freshman Advising (OFA): x3-6771, and Campus Patrol: x3-1212.

The Graduate Information Center in the Graduate School Office, room 3-136, will be open through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Phone: x3-2197.

Harbor is a place to sit down, relax, and talk to people who have the time (and aren't trying to get you to live with them). We're located in Private Dining Room number 2, on the third floor of the Student Center. We'll be open until midnight all week. Drop by. We'd be glad to see you.

Come meet with people from the Christian groups on campus. Help in finding a Christian roommate. Room 7-106, 9am-5:30pm.

An informal group is being organized for students interested in visual arts. Varied, interesting monthly activities. For more information, contact the ArtFacts Coordinator, Committee on the Visual Arts, Room 7-145, x3-4400.

Presently there is an extreme shortage of off-campus housing in the Cambridge and greater Boston areas. Incoming students, single or married, in need of housing are urged to go to the Off-Campus Housing Service, E18-301, for information concerning roommate listings and apartment rentals. Listings are updated daily and free telephone service is available for local calls concerning the listings.

Come visit the ESG Information Table in the Student Center, 11am-4pm.

All information for *The Daily Confusion* should be submitted at *The Tech's* newsroom (W20-483) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

Experimental Study Group Open House, 9am-9pm in room 24-612. Drop by and visit us — we provide refreshments, company, and information about ESG.

The Unix computer system (used in 6.031) will be open for use for the rest of R/O week. If you have never used a computer before, this is your chance to play such games as Adventure, Star Trek, and Jotto. If you wish to try programming, we have BASIC, algol, lisp, and teco. Stop by room 38-354 and see Jeff Schiller some afternoon this week. Open daily 12noon-11pm with someone on duty 12noon-3pm and 7-9pm.

Register for MIT Student Art Association classes through September 15. Drawing, claywork, photography, calligraphy, Chinese brush painting, stained glass, etching. Student Center room 429 1-5pm.

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INFORMATION

Advanced Standing Exams for students who have been notified of such:

Sept 6, Wed., 7-10pm: 8.01 in room 16-310.

Sept 7, Thurs., 9am-12pm: 8.02 in room 16-310.

Sept 7, Thurs., 1:30-4:30pm: 14.002 in room 16-310.

The following seminars have been cancelled: 2 S15, 6 S13, 12 S17, 21 S29

The following seminars still have space available: 1 S14, 1 S15, 3 S10, 3 S14, 11 S27, 13 S03, 13 S08, 13 S12, 16 S08, 17 S13, 19 S01, 20 S02, 20 S29, 20 S30, 20 S35, 21 S24, 22 S05, EN 1, SEM 012, SEM 018, SEM 022, SEM 030, SEM 031, SEM 037, DL 5.

21 S23 lecture will meet Mondays from 3-4:30pm in the Music Library and recita-

tion will meet Thursdays from 2-3:30pm in 14N-431 as listed in the class schedules.

SEM 031, not listed in the class schedules, will meet Wednesdays from 1-3pm in room 4-154.

Academic Orientation activities today at 10:00am in Kresge:

Introduction by Hartley Rogers
Overview by Dean Alberty
Physics outline by Prof. French
Mathematics outline by Prof. Mattuck
Chemistry outline by Dean Alberty
General questions about science options
Humanities outline by Dean Blackmer
Concourse description by Prof. Lettvin
ESG description by Dean Halfman
UROP description by Prof. MacVicar

Questions welcome after each outline.